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SMITHERS HOTEL DESTROYED TODAY

BRITISH CHANCELLOR OF EXCHEQUER PRESENTS BUDGET

Well Known Interior Hostelry Is Totally Wiped Out by Flames

Loss of \$12,000 is Partially Covered by Insurance—Building Was Erected in 1922 and John McKenzie Was Proprietor

SMITHERS, April 25: (Canadian Press)—At 1 o'clock this morning fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Smithers Hotel, one of the best known hostelries of this town. The estimated loss is \$12,000, partially covered by insurance. The hotel was built in 1922 and was owned by John McKenzie.

WEDDED IN VANCOUVER

Miss Emour Becomes Bride of Arthur V. Kerr

The wedding took place at St. James United Church Manse, Vancouver, on April 19, Rev. A. Wilson officiating, of Arthur V. Kerr, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kerr, formerly of Prince Rupert, and Miss Eileen Emour, eldest daughter of Mrs. Emour and the late George Emour.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's mother.

After a honeymoon in Victoria the couple will return to Vancouver and take up residence at Maple Ridge.

SERVICES ANNOUNCED

Prince Rupert to Get Two Full Trains and Two Mixed Trains a Week This Summer

Two full passenger trains and two mixed trains each way per week will constitute the train service on the local line of the Canadian National Railways this summer, it is announced. The new service goes into effect on June 18.

Full passenger trains will leave here Wednesday and Friday evenings at 9:30 and mixed trains will depart Monday and Saturday evenings at the same hour.

Full passenger trains will arrive Mondays and Saturdays at 2:15 in the afternoon and mixed trains will arrive at 10:15 Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The spring schedule of Canadian National Coast Steamships will be (Continued on Page Four)

MARKET IS UNSETTLED

New York Traders Beginning to Wonder How Far Inflation Has Been Discounted

NEW YORK, April 25: (Canadian Press)—Stocks and commodities paused today as the United States dollar was steadier and traders began to wonder how far prospective inflation had already been discounted. Heavy profit-taking swept through the share list, depressing many issues one to three points but the market stiffened and losses were partially regained in the forenoon.

Street Surfacing Material Ordered

City Council Accepts Tender For Some \$1000 Worth of Special Mixture

After considerable discussion, the city council last night, on recommendation of the board of works decided to accept a tender of the Canada Roof Products for 6000 gallons of "Ace Mix A" surface patching material for use on the streets at 12c per gallon f.o.b. Vancouver, the city to look after the transportation of the material here. Acceptance of the tender was decided upon by majority vote of the council on the understanding that Ald. Rochester, Ald. Casey and Ald. Wesch, who had dissented from acceptance of the tender until they had been able to get more definite information as to the efficiency of the material in question, would be given the opportunity to satisfy themselves on this point before the order was put in. The tender is open to acceptance up to April 29 after which date the price will go up three cents per gallon.

Mayor M. M. Stephens and Ald. J. H. Pillsbury, in the absence of Ald. John Currie, chairman of the board of works, urged acceptance of the tender. The material would be needed this year. It had been used last year and, in addition to being cheaper, had been found by the city engineer to be quite as satisfactory as that which had been used previously. The understanding was that the city would not have to pay until after August 1 when the taxes would start coming in.

Ald. Rochester, pointing out that an expenditure of some \$1000 was involved, wished to satisfy himself further as to the efficiency of the material. He would like to know where it had been used last year. Ald. Wesch and Ald. Casey agreed with Ald. Rochester's point.

After further discussion, the recommendation was adopted along the lines as stated, Ald. Pillsbury, Ald. Basso-Bert, Ald. Rudderham and Ald. Black voting in favor of acceptance of the tender and Ald. Rochester, Ald. Casey and Ald. Wesch against. The mayor undertook to see that the sending in of the order was delayed until after the three dissenting aldermen had had the opportunity of satisfying themselves.

Vancouver Wheat

VANCOUVER, April 25 (Canadian Press)—Wheat was quoted at 56 1/4c on the local Exchange today.

PENALTIES ARE LOWER

Those Defaulting on Tax Payments to Be Charged Ten Instead of Fifteen Percent This Year

The city council last night passed through its initial readings a bylaw whereby, under authority of a new amendment to the Municipal Act passed at the recent session of the Legislature, total penalties for the year in event of non-payment of general and local improvement taxes are reduced from fifteen percent to ten percent. Under the plan which is now being provided for, one penalty of five percent will be applied after August 1 on general taxes and one penalty of five percent after October 1 on local improvement taxes, second penalties of five percent on both general and local improvement taxes becoming applicable after December 1.

Ald. Rochester offered the suggestion that collections might come in better if the ten percent penalty were imposed in entirety on August 1 and October 1. If five percent were put on first, it might encourage delay and, with Christmas approaching, there might be temptation to further postpone paying from December 1.

Ald. Rudderham felt that, in view of the difficulty the city was having in financing, it might be advisable to put on the penalty on general taxes on July 1 instead of August 1.

After some further discussion, the bylaw was passed as originally presented.

In answer to Ald. Wesch, the mayor stated that the city was still allowing six percent per annum on all taxes paid in between now and August 1.

Introduction of a bylaw to provide a reduction of up to fifty percent on penalties and interest on delinquent taxes from previous years in the event of arrears being paid up prior to the date of the annual tax sale was deferred until next meeting by which time it is expected there will be more definite information as to legislation along this line which was passed at the recent session of the legislature.

Questions Regarding McIntyre Block Are Asked by Ald. Black

The following questions with respect to the McIntyre Block, which reverted to the city last fall for unpaid taxes, were asked at last night's meeting of the city council by Ald. James Black, Ald. Rochester, chairman of the finance committee, stating that the answers would be forthcoming at the next regular meeting of the council.

What rent has been received from this building since October 1, 1932? Has the money so received been paid over to the city treasurer and, if not, why not?

What is the valuation of this building and what amount of fire insurance is carried?

Who are the tenants and what are their monthly rentals?

Telephone Surplus For Month of March

The city telephone department showed a surplus of \$688.82 on operation for the month of March, according to a report presented to the city council last night by Samuel Massey, superintendent. Estimated revenue for the month was \$2989.15 and expenditure \$2310.33.

Steamer Capsized At Wharf



Liner capsizes and sinks at pier, one man missing. A view of the American mail liner, President Madison, after she capsized while in repair dock at Seattle. With three plates removed from her side, she suddenly listed. Damage may exceed \$200,000.

VICTORIA IS LOWER

Report on Living Costs Presented to City Council at Meeting Last Night

Reporting on behalf of a special committee representing the city council and the Unemployed Councils which was delegated recently to make a survey of living costs in Prince Rupert as compared with Victoria, Ald. G. W. Rudderham reported to the city council last night that this committee had compiled from the Labor Gazette, a government publication from Ottawa, figures on food staples, fuel, coal oil, etc., and had found that there was a difference of approximately eight percent on the cost of living in favor of Victoria. The committee had also compiled lists of "specials" from the newspapers of Vancouver and Prince Rupert, these showing twenty percent in favor of Vancouver. Under the present system of dispensing relief, it was impossible for the unemployed to avail themselves of these so-called "specials," Ald. Rudderham pointed out.

Ald. Black inquired if it was the intention of the city to go back to the scrip system. Ald. Rochester, chairman of the finance committee, replying that no such arrangements had been made following the refusal of many of the merchants and the wholesalers to accept city scrip.

Ald. Black felt that, if possible, something should be done so that those receiving relief might avail themselves of "specials."

Ald. Casey thought that scrip could still be used and was continuing to speak on the matter when the mayor ruled him out of order and declared the meeting adjourned as there was no resolution before the chair except one to adjourn.

Every day is a fresh beginning, every morn is a world made new.

FISH BID FAVORED

British Columbia Fishermen Are Disposed to Accept 40c Per Fish For Sockeye

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 25: (Canadian Press)—At a meeting of the British Columbia Fishermen's Protective Association the canners' offer of 40c a fish for sockeye for No. 2 district, which includes Rivers and Smith's Inlets as well as the Naas and Skeena Rivers, was looked upon favorably.

A general meeting of four fishermen's organizations will be held here later in the week after which a conference will be held with the canners.

MINISTER EXPLAINS

Rhodes Tells House Why Bond Redemption Payments in Gold Have Been Suspended

OTTAWA, April 25—(Canadian Press)—Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, minister of finance, explained to the House of Commons yesterday that the suspension of redemption of Dominion notes in gold was merely for the purpose of regularizing the situation which has been in existence since Great Britain went off the gold standard.

Today's Weather

Terrace—Cloudy, calm, temperature 42.
Aiyansh—Part cloudy, calm, 45.
Anyox—Part cloudy, calm, 44.
Stewart—Cloudy, calm, 42.
Hazelton—Cloudy, calm, 50.
Smithers—Cloudy, calm, 50.
Burns Lake—Clear, calm, 48.

Chamberlain Reports Deficit But Figures Surplus Next Year

Those Who Had Expected Concessions in Income Tax Are Disappointed—War Debt Redemption Again Not Provided For

LONDON, April 25: (Canadian Press)—Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his budget speech to Parliament today, reported a deficit of £32,000,000 for the past year including unbudgeted war debt payment of £28,900,000 and application of £17,000,000 to the sinking fund. Expenditures were £777,000,000 and revenue £745,000,000.

There was a net redemption of debt during the past year of £14,600,000. Excluding debt payment, there was a net surplus last year of about £11,250,000.

For the coming year, the Chancellor budgeted an estimated surplus of £17,291,000 disappointing those who had expected concessions in income tax. No provision was made for war debt redemption.

The tax on beer was reduced a penny a pint.

PARTICULARS OF DROWNING

Silas Lockerby and David McLean Had Deer in Tow When Former Lost Life Saturday

Visitors to the city from Port Essington have brought further particulars of the drowning fatality there last Saturday afternoon in which Silas Lockerby, 20-year old native youth of that village, lost his life in the Skeena River.

The drowning occurred between Port Essington and Raspberry Island. Lockerby and a companion, David McLean, also a native youth, were towing a log with an 11-foot clinker built skiff when they sighted a young deer swimming in the river. Rowing to the animal, they seized it by the horns and were endeavoring to take it ashore by holding on to it by the horns. The deer started to struggle and, in the ensuing scuffle, the boat was overturned and both youths thrown into the water, the deer making its escape. In the rowboat, to which both Lockerby and McLean were clinging, there was an anchor and, when this became fast to the bottom, the boat was pulled under the surface by the current. McLean managed to get hold of the drifting log but Lockerby disappeared. The former was later rescued at the point of exhaustion by boats which put out from Port Essington. Although the capsized rowboat came to the surface again after the anchor rope had, apparently, parted, Lockerby was not seen again.

Provincial police officers left here yesterday to conduct dragging operations but Indians had already recovered the body not far from the scene of the tragedy.

Inquiry having established that the circumstances of the fatality were entirely accidental, no inquest was deemed necessary. Burial will be at Port Essington.

Old Chinese Custom

The Indians employed the Chinese custom of using a rooster to aid them in dragging operations. Taking the bird out with them, it was silent for some time and then suddenly began to crow. At this point, the grappling irons were put down and the body immediately brought up. This means of recovering bodies of drowned victims is said to have been previously successful hereabouts.

NO FISH SALES

No boats being in with catches, there was no sale of halibut on the local Fish Exchange today.

RENTAL OF BUILDINGS

Ald. James Black Files Notice of Motion Regarding Reverted Properties

The following notice of motion for consideration of the city council at its next regular meeting was filed at last night's meeting by Ald. James Black.

"I move that where buildings have reverted to the city that the treasurer be authorized to collect all rentals and that he (the treasurer) be made responsible for all business transactions in connection with said buildings, reports on all matters pertaining to such buildings to be submitted to the finance committee.

The motion was at first offered as a peremptory resolution by Ald. Black but was declared out of order by the Mayor who ruled that it should be submitted as a notice of motion. The city solicitor, supporting this ruling, it was then presented by Ald. Black as a notice of motion.

GOOD PACK EXPECTED

Canned fish is pretty well cleaned out and the outlook is that packers in this district will be willing to take all grades this year, according to Major J. A. Motherwell, chief supervisor of fisheries for British Columbia who arrived in the city this morning on the Malaspina in the course of an official tour. He says that more intensive fishing than in the past two years may be expected. Much of the fish was sold at a loss to the canners but it is out of the way.

Asked as to the possibility of a big run, the Major said it was never safe to prophesy as so many factors entered into the calculations such as weather and tide but he said it was safe to look forward to a good average run at the least.

Major Motherwell is returning south tomorrow. He is here on a trip of inspection in connection with his regular work.